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HUNDRED SOCCER CLUBS CATER TO 30,000 FANS HERE

Fifteen Leagues Shaping Strong Teams for Unprecedented Year
Activities of Colleges

Before the Pilgrims and Cornishians of England visited America several years ago and played a number of soccer matches in this city, the association game was conducted here in but a half-hearted manner. After these teams concluded their series public interest was aroused to a high pitch, and in recent years it has increased to such an extent that at the present time there are no less than 100 soccer leagues in Philadelphia. Each league is composed of from six to eight clubs, making about 100 clubs in all, and a fair estimate of the number of people who either play or watch local soccer matches on Saturdays and holidays would place the figure at 30,000.

Chief interest here centers in the intercollegiate matches played by the University of Pennsylvania and Haverford College; in the two divisions of the Cricket Club League and in the public school games. The fastest organization is the American League of Association Football Clubs, but in this interest is not sustained throughout the entire schedule owing to the fact that three of the teams are much stronger than the others.

Therefore, when Bethlehem, Hightstown and the Hibernians play one another a good crowd is drawn; but when they oppose either Victor Talking Machine Company, the Rangers, or Boys' Club interest wanes a bit, and when two of these three teams are scheduled to play interest almost dies. This situation has existed in the American League for several years, and its officials should know that such a condition does not make for complete success.

INTEREST AT SCHOOLS
The popularity of soccer at schools and colleges has increased with leaps and bounds, and before very long it will be necessary for the intercollegiate league, composed of teams from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Haverford, Columbia and Pennsylvania, to form sectional divisions so that all the institutions that are clamoring for recognition may be taken care of. The formation of a league of New England colleges, another of schools from Western Pennsylvania and New York State, and a third from the Middle Atlantic section, probably will result. At the close of the regular season the winner of the three divisions could play a series of games to decide the intercollegiate championship. This title is now held by the University of Pennsylvania, and since the formation of the league, the Red and Blue has always turned out a strong team.

Of late Haverford College has not been very successful at soccer. This is due to the fact that the majority of the soccerists are members of the varsity football team, and hence lose the early season practice that the other teams are able to obtain.

There are two public school leagues, one formed from among the grammar schools of the city and the other is the high schools league. A number of good players are the product of the latter while attending grammar school. An example of this is the Putnam eleven, which won the Allied League championship last year. Five years ago the Putnam school was the Potter School in the Grammar School League.

ALLIED LEAGUE STRONG
Kensington, Richmond, Bridesburg, Tacony and Frankford are the real contenders for soccer. It is in this section that furnishes the rank and file of soccerists, both players and followers. It is the home of the Allentown, which has four divisions, and a fifth playing at Kensington Junior Church League, and which is credited with being one of the strongest organizations in the land. This year the Allentown has won the title in the Allied ranks, and as professionalism has worked harm in many other sports the league's affairs must be carefully handled so that this contention will not breed discontent among the amateurs.

PRINCETON WATERMEN FACE BIG SCHEDULE
Freshies to Swim West Philly
Boys January 14 in Tigers' Natatorium

N. Miller, manager of the Princeton swimming team, has arranged the following meets for the freshmen: December 19, Princeton preparatory school; January 14, West Philadelphia High School, at Princeton; February 19, Mercersburg Academy, at Mercersburg; February 28, Lawrenceville, at Lawrenceville. The varsity watermen will face Harvard at Princeton on February 13 and the Navy at Annapolis on March 4. Dates for the championship league tournament will not be decided until the annual gathering of the delegates.

POLLY DANVERS WINS FREE-FOR-ALL EVENT

Captures Trot at Reading Fair in Two Straight Heats. Al Lee Is Second

FAIR GROUNDS, Reading, Pa., Oct. 28.—Fully 600 spectators witnessed the light harness races here this afternoon. Ideal Indian summer weather, an excellent card of events, including two match races and exciting finishes, added to the success.

The match race for a purse at \$1000 between the Reading horse Peter Stevens, 2:02 1/4, by Peter the Great, and the veteran campaigner, Joe Boy, 2:03 1/4, by Millerton, the feature event of the meet, created great enthusiasm among the race-goers of eastern Pennsylvania.

Joe Boy made a pacing record of 2:08 for the new Reading track here at the Reading Fair several weeks ago. There are quite a few sportsmen who have wagered the black son of Millerton, the veteran of many years' campaigning on the Pumpkin Ring Circuit, will take a heat.

The lay mare, Polly Danvers, owned and driven by W. Kline, of this city, won the free-for-all trot in two straight heats, a curtain raiser to the big match race, A. B. Comings' brown gelding, Al Lee, being the contender in both races.

Summary:
Free-for-all trot, best 2 in 3.
Polly Danvers, b. m., Kline, 2:11 1/4
Al Lee, b. g., Comings, 2:12 1/4
Special pacing match, best 2 in 3.
Sellers, b. g., Comings, 2:11 1/4
A. B. Comings, b. g., Comings, 2:12 1/4
20 ft. trot, best 2 in 3 heats.
Miss Cora, b. m., Kline, 2:11 1/4
Penn Cross, b. g., Goodhart, 2:12 1/4
Bessie, b. m., Kline, 2:13 1/4
Match race, purses \$1000 and silver trophy.
Peter Stevens, b. s., W. B. Eckert, 2:02 1/4
Reading, b. s., Eckert, 2:03 1/4
Joe Boy, b. s., Eckert, 2:03 1/4
York, b. s., Eckert, 2:03 1/4
York, b. s., Eckert, 2:03 1/4
*Time taken by Joe Boy went mile on a job as Peter Stevens hops for.

BIG-TO-DO WINNER IN LAUREL OPENER
Delaney and Moonstone Land Second and Third Places. Butwell Rides Victor

LAUREL, Md., Oct. 28.—Big-To-Do romped to the wire ahead of the field in the first race here this afternoon. Butwell rode victor, Delaney, with Mink up, landed place money, while Moonstone finished third. The race was for 2-year-olds at 5 1/2 furlongs.

Summary:
First race, purse, 2-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs—Butwell, Delaney, 1:14, 1:15, 1:16, 1:17, 1:18, 1:19, 1:20, 1:21, 1:22, 1:23, 1:24, 1:25, 1:26, 1:27, 1:28, 1:29, 1:30, 1:31, 1:32, 1:33, 1:34, 1:35, 1:36, 1:37, 1:38, 1:39, 1:40, 1:41, 1:42, 1:43, 1:44, 1:45, 1:46, 1:47, 1:48, 1:49, 1:50, 1:51, 1:52, 1:53, 1:54, 1:55, 1:56, 1:57, 1:58, 1:59, 2:00, 2:01, 2:02, 2:03, 2:04, 2:05, 2:06, 2:07, 2:08, 2:09, 2:10, 2:11, 2:12, 2:13, 2:14, 2:15, 2:16, 2:17, 2:18, 2:19, 2:20, 2:21, 2:22, 2:23, 2:24, 2:25, 2:26, 2:27, 2:28, 2:29, 2:30, 2:31, 2:32, 2:33, 2:34, 2:35, 2:36, 2:37, 2:38, 2:39, 2:40, 2:41, 2:42, 2:43, 2:44, 2:45, 2:46, 2:47, 2:48, 2:49, 2:50, 2:51, 2:52, 2:53, 2:54, 2:55, 2:56, 2:57, 2:58, 2:59, 3:00, 3:01, 3:02, 3:03, 3:04, 3:05, 3:06, 3:07, 3:08, 3:09, 3:10, 3:11, 3:12, 3:13, 3:14, 3:15, 3:16, 3:17, 3:18, 3:19, 3:20, 3:21, 3:22, 3:23, 3:24, 3:25, 3:26, 3:27, 3:28, 3:29, 3:30, 3:31, 3:32, 3:33, 3:34, 3:35, 3:36, 3:37, 3:38, 3:39, 3:40, 3:41, 3:42, 3:43, 3:44, 3:45, 3:46, 3:47, 3:48, 3:49, 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